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SUBJECT: UNEP RESOLUTION ON ARMS RACE AND WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION

REFERENCE: JILLSON/NILES TELCON

1. WE OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED EASTERN EUROPEAN LANGUAGE
ON TWO GROUNDS: WORDING (A) APPEARS TO CONDEMN ALL LEGITI-
MATE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, (B) ASSUMES ADVERSE ENVIRON-
MENTAL CONSEQUENCES WOULD RESULT FROM WEAPON(S) DEVELOPMENT
WHILE IT IS THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS WHICH MIGHT RAISE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

2. DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT LANGUAGE ALONG
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FOLLOWING LINES: "CONSIDERS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES
RESULTING FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS OF WAR, ESPECIALLY OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH COULD PROVE TO BE HARMFUL
TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, WELCOMES THE INTENTION OF THE UNEP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT." USDEL SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
THAT WHILE WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADDRESSING THE SPECIAL SESSION, WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO DO SO OUTSIDE THE SSOD GENERAL DEBATE, WHICH IS RESERVED FOR PRESENTATIONS BY UN MEMBER STATES.

3. USDEL MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THE US IS PARTY TO THE GENEVA PROTOCOL PROHIBITING THE USE OF GAS AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, AND SIGNATORY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION BAN. US IS ALSO ENGAGED IN ONGOING EFFORTS TO REDUCE AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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